

Bamboo 101

Saturday, November 11, 2006 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Rio Grande Botanic Garden Albuquerque, New Mexico

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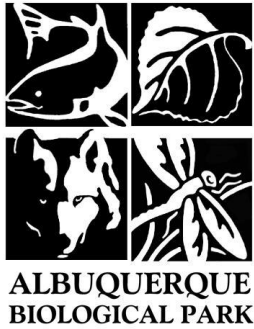


Mark your calendars! Bamboo 101, an all-day conference, will be held Saturday, November 11, 2006, at the Albuquerque Biological Park's Rio Grande Botanic Garden, Albuquerque, NM. Come learn about these beautiful, versatile, and interesting plants. Bamboo plants are available for almost any environment. They are found from high mountains to river flood plains. Many are available in the U.S. as both ornamental and horticultural plants. Uses include landscapes, gardens, potted plants, indoor plants, wind and snow barriers, privacy screens, and around water gardens. Of over 1,300 species worldwide, several have been tested in Albuquerque, Albuquerque's East Mountains, Southern Colorado and the Southern High Plains of Texas.

This 1-day workshop will include instruction on the care and culture of bamboo, available species, division of bamboo, growth rates, control, reproduction, vegetative propagation (digging), and the potential for culture as a source of food and fiber. A field trip through the Botanic Garden will include a tour of the ornamental bamboo plantings and the BioPark's experimental bamboo farm. Conditions permitting we will also have a demonstration of how to dig bamboo.

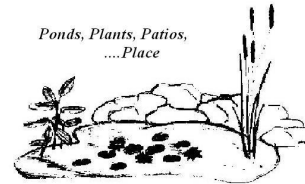
Instructors are members of the American Bamboo Society (ABS), the Texas Chapter of the ABS, and the BioPark's Horticultural Department and include: Margie Krebs-Jespersen, Albuquerque landscaper and owner of "Ponds, Plants, Patios, Place", who will share her experiences with growing bamboo in NM (in Abq and in the mountains east of the city); Kinder Chambers, the Bamboo Guru from Buckholtz, Texas and President of the Texas Bamboo Society, who will share his extensive knowledge of bamboo and bamboo sources. Erwin Young, founder of the Tilapia Farm and Colorado Gators in Alamosa, CO, who will discuss the 60-plus species of bamboo he grows (both outdoor and greenhouse varieties) in southern Colorado; Dr. Nick C. Parker, of High Plains Bamboo and Koi in Lubbock, TX who will draw on his 32 years as a research scientist to provide a background for understanding bamboo, its culture, and potential. He will present information on tissue culture of bamboo, applications for use of bamboo to remove nutrients from waste water, and commercial production of bamboo for food and fiber. Stan Schug, Associate Curator of Horticulture at the Bio Park, who will discuss the 68 species he has been experimenting with both at the Zoo and the Botanical Garden and lead the tour of the BioPark's on-site collection.

Mark your calendar and sign up now to reserve your space (registration is limited) for this informative and exciting workshop. Early bird registrants, those who register before October 10, 2006, will receive a potted bamboo plant with a retail value of \$35 to \$40. Cost of the entire workshop is only \$75 (student registration available for \$40 which does not include a plant) and includes the one-day workshop, demonstrations, tours, lunch, and handout materials.



The Bamboo 101 Workshop is being sponsored by:

1. Albuquerque Biological Park
2. Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Service (NMSU)
3. Ponds, Plants, Patios....Place, Albuquerque, NM
4. Colorado Gators, Alamosa, CO
5. High Plains Bamboo & Koi, Lubbock, TX



Mark your calendars and come for a great day to exchange information with growers, landscapers, Master Gardeners, bamboo aficionados, scientists, and backyard gardeners. Register early - registration is limited to 60 attendees.

Registration Form

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

Number of attendees _____ @ \$75 each = _____
Number of students _____ @ \$40 each = _____ (with student ID)

Register by check or credit card by sending registration form to:

BioPark Education attn: Helga Gonzales
Albuquerque BioPark
2601 Central Av NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104

Please make checks payable to: New Mexico Biological Park Society

Credit Card payments may be called into: 505-848-7180 (Helga Gonzales)

(Please note: In the case of low attendance, workshop may be cancelled or postponed to a later date.)

For more information contact:

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